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TAGS: MASS, MARR, SA, US

SUBJECT: SAUDI CONCERN ABOUT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ARMS PURCHASES  
FROM US

1. IN RECENT WEEKS TWO SENIOR SAUDI OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED  
THEIR DEEP CONCERN ABOUT DISCLOSURES IN THE AMERICAN PRESS  
OF DETAILS OF THE SAUDI ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

2. DURING A 16 FEB CALL ON SAUDI CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
GENERAL UTHMAN HUMAID BY CHIEF OF US ARMY MATERIAL COMMAND  
GENERAL DEANE, GEN. HUMAID COMPLAINED ABOUT AN ARTICLE IN  
THE 13 FEB ISSUE OF WASHINGTON POST BASED ON A DOD PRESS  
BRIEFING ON THE LOA FOR M-60 TANKS.

3. YESTERDAY (2 MARCH) FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY FOR  
POLITICAL AFFAIRS ABDEL RAHMAN MANSOURI COMPLAINED TO CHARGE  
ABOUT AN ARTICLE IN THE 29 SEPTEMBER 1975 ISSUE OF AVIATION  
WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY (PAGE 11) GIVING DETAILS OF WEAPONS  
SYSTEMS FOR SAUDI F-5E/F'S. MANSOURI ASKED CHARGE TO REPLY  
ASAP TO TWO QUESTIONS: A) WHAT IS METHOD OF SUBMITTING  
LOA'S TO CONGRESS AND B) HOW MUCH DETAIL ACCOMPANIES THE  
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SUBMISSION.

4. THE DEPT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS IN A FORM THAT WE CAN SUBMIT IN WRITING BOTH TO FONMIN AND MODA OUTLINING CURRENT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE POLICY AND IMPACT OF ANY PENDING LEGISLATION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP OF THE SAG WERE FULLY AWARE IN ADVANCE OF THE DEGREE OF CONFIDENTIALITY WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THEIR ARMS REQUESTS.

5. COMMENT: ONE COMPLICATING FACTOR IS THAT SAUDIS CONSIDER AS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION NEARLY EVERY FACT ABOUT THEIR ARMS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.  
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